

AGENDA

Treasury report: currently: \$125.01 in our bank account
Expenditures: \$117.89 (for the Bobble heads)
New Assets:

Fundraising Opportunities:

- 17 April - Carwash at Automax by East Gate (thank you to everyone who helped out!)
- 24 April – craft sale to sell bobble heads at Killeen Community Center (please consider volunteering!)
- Bobble heads – please sell them to people who you know might want them
- T-shirts – some of the troops have expressed interest in designing a company OIF T-shirt

Volunteer Opportunities: I would love to have help with the following:

- Bobble head selling at the craft fair on 24 April
- Newsletter articles for the Easter party and today's FRG meeting
- Committee members for the August end of summer bash (entertainment, food set-up/clean-up)
- Wonderful Wednesday (breakfast items needed for Rear Detachment) on Wed. 5 May

Chain of concern roster: please check for accuracy

Upcoming events:

APRIL

- 22 April – 4ID Welcome Home ceremony (11am – 7pm) <http://www.hoodmwr.com/magazine.htm>
- 24 April – Killeen Community craft sale (bobble heads and battalion magnets – please volunteer!)

MAY

- 1 May – Articles for the May Bulldog Newsletter due in (as well as any pictures)
- 5 May – Wonderful Wednesday (breakfast for the Rear-D) – please volunteer to help!
- 18 May – Tuesday – FRG Meeting 6:30pm to 8:00pm (1st CAV Family Readiness Center)

JUNE

June FRG Meeting To Be Determined (TBD)

JULY

4 July – Freedom Fest at Fort Hood – FRG BBQ at Chris Leclerc's house then fireworks at Hood Stadium

AUGUST

14 August – Battalion End of Summer Bash - BLORA

Postal Information

Do not change the address. APO AE 09379 is the correct address and will stay that way. HHC and other people who just got there are changing out of our address because 2nd Brigade is on a different time schedule.

WOODEN NICKELS

A San Antonio veteran and businessman is giving away free wooden nickels imprinted with the words, "Support Our Troops" and "The Price of Freedom is NOT Free!"

To request four free wooden nickels, send a self-addressed business-size envelope with two first-class stamps to: Support Our Troops, Wooden Nickel Building, 345 Austin Road, San Antonio, TX 78209.

GIFTS FROM THE HOMEFRONT

We'd like to share with you another great program in support of our Soldiers called 'Gifts From the Homefront', one of AAFES' support programs, which provides needed items to Soldiers.

The AAFES website at <http://www.aafes.com/docs/homefront.htm> has the link to this program, "Gifts From the Homefront", that allows any American (not just authorized shoppers) to purchase gift certificates that go to Soldiers, to include a link to give certificates to Soldiers who are hospitalized. These certificates are distributed through the Fisher House. AAFES has personal shoppers who will take the gift certificates and buy whatever the Soldiers wants or needs.

B/312 MI FRG Meeting – April 18, 2004

AAFES has also just been given permission by OSD to sell prepaid telephone calling cards to any American who wants to send them to the troops. This program should be unveiled on the AAFES website in the next few weeks. Thank you for your continued support to our fellow Soldiers."

CHILDCARE SUPPORT FROM CYS

The injuries and deaths of Army Soldiers appeared on the news yesterday. If any of the deceased/injured soldiers are assigned to 1CD, Child and Youth Services (CYS) stands ready to provide child care support to their families or to 1CD Soldiers/FRG leaders who are supporting these families during this very stressful time. We have vacancies in each of our three Child Developments Centers (CDCs) and in our School Age Care (SAC) sites. In addition, we have emergency Family Child Care homes/providers that are willing to provide 24/7 care.

Should Short Term Alternative Child Care (STACC) sites be required for memorial services or other types of assemblies for Soldiers and Family members, we are able to set these sites up. We have identified 9 sites thus far that are near to 1CD operations.

Please do not hesitate to call on us.

J. Yveta Phillips

Chief Child and Youth Services Division

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HHC BATTALION T-SHIRT ORDERS

HHC will be submitting the order on May 1st. If you are interested in getting any, I must have a list before then, with the following information.

Name of orderer--color desired (white--gray--black)--size

Available sizes are kids starting at size 4 up to XXXL.

Kids sizes through XL are \$10 each.

XXL are \$11 each.

XXXL are \$12 each.

Shipping will cost extra. Checks can be made payable to "Headhunter FRG"

CASUALTY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES: notification procedures, request for assistance for support teams; fill out paperwork; keep Rear-Detachment informed of whereabouts.

THANK YOU'S

A big thanks to everyone who came to the Easter party, and especially those who brought treats. I was sorry to miss it, but I understand that it was quite a success. I am looking forward to our next big bash in August!

Thank you to Michelle Cotto, JoAnn Serna, and Tina Delgado for bringing the bobble heads and selling them at the Easter party.

Special thanks goes to Angie Kern for our awesome newsletter. Anyone who would like to help her out with that in any way, please let one of the two of us know.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS

Thanks for coming!